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United States disables a vessel that tried to break the blockade of Iran

- An American military aircraft fired on and disabled a commercial vessel that tried to break the US blockade of Iran on Saturday, November 7, 2026, US Central Command said, Reuters reported. — Reuters
- The St. Kitts-flagged cargo vessel tried to depart regional waters after visiting an Iranian port, and a US plane fired precision munitions at its stern after US forces directed the crew to abandon targeted spaces, Central Command said, Reuters reported. — Reuters

Explosions heard on Qeshm Island and at Jask, with the cause unclear

- Explosions were heard on Saturday, November 7, 2026, on Iran's Qeshm Island in the Strait of Hormuz and in the southern Iranian port of Jask, Iranian media reported, with the cause unclear, Reuters reported. — Reuters
- Iran's semi-official Tasnim news agency said two missiles struck Qeshm Island earlier on Saturday, November 7, 2026, with no official information on possible damage, and there was no official confirmation from the Iranian side on the source of the reported explosions, Reuters reported. — Reuters
- Later that evening Tasnim cited an Iranian source as saying that the explosions heard on the island were not related to missile strikes, CNN reported on November 7, 2026. — CNN

Houthi-run health ministry says airstrikes it blames on Saudi Arabia killed at least 27 near Sanaa

- At least 27 people were killed and 36 wounded in airstrikes on homes in Bani Hushaysh, east of Sanaa, on Saturday, November 7, 2026, according to Yemen's Houthi-run health ministry via the Houthi-run Saba news agency, which blamed Saudi Arabia; most of those killed were women and children, Reuters reported. — Reuters
- Reuters could not independently verify the account, and Saudi Arabia's Center for International Communication did not immediately comment, saying it would look into Reuters' inquiries, Reuters reported. — Reuters

Israeli president picks Eisenkot, not Netanyahu, to form a government

- Israeli President Isaac Herzog on Saturday, November 7, 2026 chose Gadi Eisenkot, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's strongest rival, to try to form a new government, following the deadlocked October 27 election, and Herzog will formally give Eisenkot the mandate on Sunday, Reuters reported. — Reuters

- Eisenkot secured recommendations from 67 incoming Knesset members including 19 from the two Arab parties, while Netanyahu received 46 after United Torah Judaism declined to recommend him; Eisenkot will have 28 days with a possible 14-day extension to form a coalition, Netanyahu remains caretaker prime minister in the meantime, and if Eisenkot fails the mandate passes to Netanyahu, CNN reported. — CNN

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